META- APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE FOR INTEGRATING PHOTO-SERVICE WEBSITES FOR BROWSER-ENABLED DEVICES

5   ## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present invention is related to co-pending U.S. patent application serial

no. 09/698,777, entitled "Meta-Application Architecture For Integrating Photo-

Service Websites," filed on October 27, 2000, and assigned to the assignee of the

,now us Pat. 6,453,361

present invention, and hereby incorporated by reference.

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FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to manipulating digital images over the Internet,

and more particularly to providing an architecture for integrating photo-service-

based websites for access by client devices.

BACKGROUND

As the popularity of digital cameras grows, the desire of digital camera users

to share their images with others will also continue to grow. The best approaches to

photo-sharing take advantage of the Internet. Several Internet companies now offer

20   an even more convenient approach by providing photo-sharing websites that allow

users to store their images for free and to arrange the images into web-based photo

albums. Once posted on a photo-sharing website, others may view the images over

the Internet.

The assignee of the present invention has developed a system for uploading

25   images to the Internet, directly from the camera, as described in: U.S Pat.